

PROCEEDING WITH GENERAL DEBATE PENDING A VOTE ON HOUSE RESOLUTION 101

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the House may proceed to general debate in the Committee of the Whole as though under House Resolution 101 during any postponement of proceedings on that resolution pursuant to clause 5 of rule I.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I will not object, but I ask the gentleman from Texas if this means that this will be the last recorded vote for this evening?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman did get the attention of the body. Yes, without objection to this unanimous consent, we will have had our last vote for the evening. However, that would mean that those Members interested in the debate on the rule and on the general debate for the bill, H.R. 925, private property, should be advised that we would be holding those two debates yet this evening. Any Member not participating in either of those two debates would be free to go home for the evening. We would begin them tomorrow, as soon as the 1-minute is over, with the vote on the rule, which is House Resolution 101.

Let me say, again, it is an unusual request. It is an unusual procedure, not something that we would expect to be a habit in the future. But certainly it is something that by the minority's agreement, we were able to do so folks can get home tonight. We will then begin with a vote on the rule tomorrow, and I would remind Members who want to participate either on the debate on the rule or H.R. 925, the private property bill, that those debates will take place tonight.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of the joint resolution, House Joint Resolution 2.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, as the language of joint resolution, House Joint Resolution 2 has been substantially altered in markup, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of the legislation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION ACT OF 1995

Mrs. WALDHOLTZ. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 101 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 101

*Resolved*, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 925) to compensate owners of private property for the effect of certain regulatory restrictions. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. Points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with section 302(f), 308(a), 311(a), or 401(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and the amendment recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule for a period not to exceed twelve hours. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. Points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XVI, clause 5(a) of rule XXI, or section 302(f), 311(a), or 401(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are waived. No amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order unless printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXIII before the beginning of consideration of the bill for amendment. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. Points of order against the amendment specified in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution to be offered by Representative Canady of Florida or a designee for failure to comply with clause 5(a) of rule XXI are waived. Pending the consideration of that amendment and before the consideration of any other amendment, it shall be in order to consider the amendment thereto specified in the report of the Committee on Rules to be offered by Representative Tauzin of Louisiana or a designee. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any

amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. After passage of H.R. 925, it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 9) to create jobs, enhance wages, strengthen property rights, maintain certain economic liberties, decentralize and reduce the power of the Federal Government with respect to the States, localities, and citizens of the United States, and to increase the accountability of Federal officials. All points of order against the bill and against its consideration are waived. It shall be in order to move to strike all after section 1 of the bill and insert a text composed of four divisions as follows: (1) division A, consisting of the text of H.R. 830, as passed by the House; (2) division B, consisting of the text of H.R. 925, as passed by the House; (3) division C, consisting of the text of H.R. 926, as passed by the House; and (4) division D, consisting of the text of H.R. 1022, as passed by the House. All points of order against that motion are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to amend and on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Utah [Mrs. WALDHOLTZ] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. WALDHOLTZ. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from California [Mr. BEILENSEN], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume.

During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Ohio [Ms. PRYCE].

(Ms. PRYCE asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the rule.

Mr. Speaker, as my distinguished colleague from Utah ably explained in her opening remarks, this rule provides for the fair and orderly consideration of one of the most significant regulatory reform proposals to be debated on the House floor in recent memory, and that is the fundamental idea of compensating private property owners when the use of their property is limited by over-reaching Federal regulations.

This is a very complex issue, Mr. Speaker, and the legislation before us has understandably prompted legitimate concerns about the future of Federal rulemaking. To afford Members ample opportunity to discuss changes in the bill, this rule provides for 1 hour of general debate, followed by up to 12 hours of amendment under the 5-minute rule.

While I know the minority would prefer to have unlimited debate on this legislation, I am confident that the rule provides the minority with an ample block of time to manage as they see fit in order to organize and prioritize amendments they would bring to the House floor.

The rule also enables the House to consider two very important amendments. First, in the